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HACKED

Police called in to investigate as pupil breaches school's IT system

POLICE are investigating an incident in which a pupil hacked into the computer system at Harlow's Mark Hall School.

The personal data of schoolchildren was put at risk and every computer in the school crashed as a result.

The security breach occurred during the weekend of July 12-13 but only came to light this week after a source close to the school alerted the **Star**.

The contact revealed concerns that information held on the school's databases, such as examination grades, could have been accessed and altered by the hacker.

"The invasion of the school's computer system was discovered

By **BEN WILKINSON**
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by the school on the Monday morning, as the unlawful breach had caused the entire school computer system to crash," said the source.

"I think it raises several key questions. How was Mark Hall's computer system so easily penetrated? And why was the school's password so easily identified?"

Harlow MP Bill Rammell, who is understood to be concerned at the hacker's attack and has been in contact with Mark Hall headmaster Chris Fluskey over the issue, this week reassured those potentially affected that personal data had not been successfully accessed.

Mr Rammell told the **Star**: "Mr Fluskey has reassured me that the school did become immediately aware that a pupil had accessed their computer system. He also told me that the pupil did not gain any access to personal data and that strong disciplinary action is being taken."

The school is now closed until September for the summer holidays, but Essex Police are looking into the incident.

A spokesman said: "We can confirm police in Harlow are investigating a matter of computer crime. No arrests have been made. Any internal disciplinary action taken by the school is completely separate from the police investigation and our inquiries are continuing."



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PATIENTS at Princess Alexandra Hospital are already benefiting from the fundraising efforts of its League of Friends, with thousands of pounds of new equipment already purchased this year.

The charity, which has been running almost as long as the hospital has been open, revealed the items it has been able to purchase as it launched a drive to raise a further £11,000 before the end of the year.

Already in use to aid treatment or make life easier and more comfortable for staff and patients are:

- an electrocardiogram machine costing £1,500;
- new equipment for the medical library worth more than £6,000;
- new chairs for patients in the day unit worth £2,700;
- a machine to wash equipment in the radiology department which cost £357;
- new ponchos to cover patients in the x-ray department.

Now the League of Friends is working to provide a vascular ultrasound machine to assist in intravenous chemotherapy treatment given to cancer patients in the haematology day unit.

Spokeswoman Mary Taplin said: "As this list shows, much can and already has been achieved through a lot of hard work, the support of all the community and PAH itself.

"We endeavour to meet the many requests that are asked of us to improve the care and comfort of patients. Members of the group work tirelessly to support the hospital and a series of events have already taken place with more planned."

Church fun

A CANDLE-making beekeeper, a henna tattooist and a crew of Harlow firefighters were among the attractions when the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bush Fair held its annual summer fun day.

About 100 people attended the event which was supported by local firms including Harlow Garden Centre and MRB Recruitment.

Pub's £3,000

MORE than £3,000 has been raised by customers of the Horns and Horseshoes pub in Harlow for The Jennifer Trust which helps children with spinal muscular atrophy.

A barbecue, pony rides, games and competitions were among the attractions while face painting and a bouncy castle provided fun for the children. Entertainment was provided by two different bands who offered their services for free.

The day was organised specifically to help Annabelle Burfitt, a two-month-old baby diagnosed with the disease which affects nerve endings in the spinal cord.

Nicole Haley said: "Everyone seemed to have a really brilliant day and we were delighted to raise £3,100. There are so many people and companies to thank; we really couldn't have done it without their help."



Cadet trio honoured at presentation ceremony

THE outstanding achievements of three Harlow sea cadets have been recognised at a presentation ceremony.

Eleanor Bourne, Ashley Plowes and Sarah Butcher, who between them have accumulated more than 150 trophies for their unit Training Ship Adventure, received their special awards on Tuesday from

Harlow Council chairman Tony Hall. Mr Hall visited the unit at Bush Fair to meet the girls and also take a look at the cadets' work and activities. Sub Lieutenant Jack Bourne, officer in charge at TS Adventure, said: "I wanted to recognise the extraordinary achievements of Eleanor, Ashley and Sarah since they have been with us

as all three will soon turn 18 and cease to be cadets. "Their most outstanding achievements have been in kayaking competitions but they also have many other successes to their names and have been a very important part of the unit over the years."

(photo: DPFVCCPT/03)

Pedal power

TWO teenagers and their fathers have raised £620 for St Clare Hospice by cycling from London to Brighton in seven hours.

Danny Lawless (15) and dad Jim, of Purford Green, and Lee Barbet (17) and dad Steve, of Waterhouse Moor, were sponsored by staff and customers of the Red Lion and Drinker Moth pubs to take on the 54-mile challenge.

Hospice spokeswoman Sue Upton said: "It was an incredible accomplishment and must have taken hours of training, not to mention how they must have felt afterwards!"

Quilters' gift

BABIES whose mothers are in prison will have their lives brightened up thanks to a group of Harlow quilt-makers

The 20-strong Bevan Quilters, who

meet weekly at the Aneurin Bevan Centre, have made 25 patchwork quilts for the charity Babies In Prison. They will be distributed in eight jails.

Cancer funds

MARIE Curie Cancer Care is £150 better off thanks to a tea party event held at New Life Christian Fellowship in Purford Green earlier this month. The fundraiser was supported by the local Co-op and Tesco supermarkets.

Green team

STAFF at the Bonmarche store in Broad Walk, Harlow, raised £170 for Macmillan Cancer Support with a three-day green-themed event.

Employees wore green clothing and wigs while customers took part in competitions including guessing the number of sweets in a vase and the identity of baby photos.

Did Brit error lead to Robert's death?

By JIM TANFIELD

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A BRITISH air controller may face manslaughter charges if found responsible for a mistake which led to the death of a Harlow soldier in Afghanistan.

Until last week the family of Private Robert Foster (19) had believed that an error by the crew of an American F-15 fighter plane was to blame for the friendly fire incident last August which claimed the lives of their son and two colleagues of the 1st Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment.

However, the Ministry of Defence has now told Robert's father, John, that a British air controller is under investigation for the inci-

dent during which a 500lb bomb was dropped in the wrong location during a skirmish with Taliban forces in Kajaki.

The MoD said defence chiefs had not yet decided what to do with the report, compiled by the Royal Military Police, which is understood to suggest the controller gave the plane's crew a set of erroneous co-ordinates.

Speaking to the **Star** on Tuesday, Mr Foster, of Great Plumtree, said: "The three families involved are all saying we are not going to pre-empt the outcome of the investigation."

"We still stand by what we have said before, that we don't want an individual nailed to the cross but we want policies put in place so that the onus for something like this is not put on any one person."

He added that both he and his wife Lisa were experiencing an emotional dilemma about the ongoing conflict.

"It breaks Lisa's heart every time a soldier

is killed as it means another family is starting down the painful road we started down last year."

"We want them to pull the troops out of Afghanistan but it's a strange feeling because we don't want Robert's contribution to be wasted."

"We don't get to see here the arid bomb sites which have been turned into thriving market villages since the Taliban have been forced out. The troops are making a difference but it seems even the MoD realises it needs to resource more."

Harlow MP Bill Rammell added: "What is clear to me is that investigations into a tragic incident such as this must be absolutely thorough and accurate, and it is the duty of the Ministry of Defence to ensure that this happens."

"I will keep pressing for this to take place. My thoughts remain with Private Foster's family."



PRIVATE ROBERT FOSTER: Killed in a 'friendly fire' incident while serving with British forces in Afghanistan (s)

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Jail for burglar caught in act

A BURGLAR caught red-handed stealing property from a house has been jailed for 10 months.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard that Ben Murphy (23), of Occasio House, Playhouse Square, and an unnamed accomplice were stealing electrical goods from a Great Canfield home on November 9 when they were confronted by the female owner.

Murphy pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary.

Jason Sawyer, representing Murphy, said in mitigation: "It was an opportunistic offence rather than pre-meditated. They didn't target the location and they didn't target the lady."

"There was a confrontation between the occupier and the defendant. They exchanged words and some damage was caused to the house but no wanton damage."

He added Murphy's partner had suffered a miscarriage and he now wanted to provide a stable environment for any future child. Murphy was jailed for 10 months. Having already spent 115 days in custody on remand, he is due to be released in four weeks.

Two charged in fatal fire probe

TWO teenagers were yesterday charged with the murder of Kerry Youngs, the young woman who died after an arson attack on a flat in Harlow three years ago.

The accused, aged 16 and 17, were charged with murder, arson with intent to endanger life and grievous bodily harm.

They are due to appear at Harlow Court today (Thursday).

Last week police arrested five people in connection with the blaze at Bush Fair which claimed the life of Miss Youngs (24) left her boyfriend Kevin Chapple severely brain damaged.

A 39-year-old Harlow woman was subsequently charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice and will appear before Harlow magistrates on August 7.

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Nuclear-free a serious matter

SIR, When Harlow and many other towns and cities declared themselves nuclear-free zones, it was nothing to do with "forbidding Mr Andropov from pointing his missiles at us" (*Nostalgia*, July 24) and deserves more serious consideration than this silly comment by Ben Wilkinson.

There never was a realistic scenario in which Harlow would have been a primary target in any nuclear exchange, although it would be seriously affected by attacks on military targets in the region, as I showed in my 1990 report for the then-Herts and Essex group of nuclear-free zones, Preparing For War? (a copy should be available in the library).

The nuclear-free local authority movement – which still exists even though Harlow has, sadly, dropped out – was intended to send a message to world leaders that civil society was totally opposed to the madness of the nuclear arms race and demand that they negotiate in good faith towards the elimination of their nuclear arsenals, as they are committed to in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

That message is still valid today, with 27,000 nuclear warheads in the world's stockpile, many of them on hair-trigger alert.

The international equivalent of the UK's nuclear-free local authority movement is Mayors For Peace, headed by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which campaigns for a timetable for multilateral disarmament by 2020 under the slogan "Cities are not targets".

At a recent count, it had 2,226 cities and towns in 129 countries signed up, including over 40 in the UK. The latter includes Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour mayors and civic leaders. Harlow should join them.

Frank Jackson
Co-Chair, World Disarmament Campaign
Kingsmoor Road, Harlow

Running free?

SIR, I would like to ask your readers if they have noticed how freely Second Avenue is running lately.

Obviously, this is with the exception of the latest resurfacing that's now hindered us somewhat. I am actually referring to the last run into the town. Normally, you could be stationary for some time, but since the bus lane lights have been removed, the traffic can now run freely.

Of course, during the heavy rush hour the bus lanes are still used effectively, but without the need of stopping everyone else during the un-needed light change. Why do the authorities use these menacing things that are prone to failure? How annoying is it to sit at a red light on your own, wondering who or what triggered it. The future isn't orange in this town, it's bright red with more gridlock on the horizon.

One last thing – now that the town is mostly covered by cycle paths, you would have thought after all the lobbying, etc, they would start using the things. Perhaps cyclists should be made to use them now.

Jon Blackburn
Abbeylee close, Harlow

Glowing views

SIR, I have over the last few weeks had the privilege of attending some superb performances by local schools.

I have seen *Henry Moore*

When HARLOW gave peace a big chance



FLASHBACK: The *Star's Nostalgia* article on a nuclear-free Harlow

Celebrates at The Playhouse, then a concert of singing and dancing by a group of seven primary schools, also at The Playhouse, and the musical Annie at Passmore's.

They were all excellent. The young people showed self-confidence, great teamwork, huge commitment, enjoyment and sheer hard work, resulting in wonderful shows with some outstanding individual performances. All this will be of high value to them in years to come.

Of course, such performances do not come by rehearsals alone. They give a window onto all the dedicated work by staff and students and demonstrate the high quality and rich and broad curriculum that is delivered every day in schools right across our town.

This is a very different picture from the one all too often given of young people and of failing schools.

Tony Evans
Old Road, Harlow

A mess of bins

SIR, I don't live in Harlow, I am visiting relatives; however, where I live has such a refuse scheme, and let me tell everyone how ridiculous it is.

Everyone in my town feels the exact same: fortnightly collections are only suitable if there are only two people in the house – any more and you will have a big problem.

There are five people in my house and we create a lot of waste and a black bin can carry a maximum of four black bags full of rubbish. My family, and the majority of other households, make much more of this each two weeks. So there tends to be a few bags each collection service not able to fit in the bin, so what do we do with these bags? Well, at first I was just leaving them in my back garden; as you can imagine, though, this brings more problems. Now my garden has about 15 bags of rubbish in it and as a result it smells and is far too unsafe for the kids to play out in the garden, also I am 90 per cent sure that it has attracted rats. So, because of these silly collections my kids cannot play in the garden all summer long.

Anyway, let me explain why this really is a bad idea – the needs of me and a large variety of the people in my area were not being met. Rubbish was piling up in all of our gardens, so the solution for us has been to dump it wherever we can. Yes, fly-tipping has been the outcome of this refuse problem.

In my town now there is rubbish everywhere you go, it stinks and it's too unsafe for the kids. Is this what you want for Harlow? I promise you that fly-tipping will increase if this idea is brought into action, which in turn will increase council spending because they will foot the bill for this mess.

Harlow is a really, really nice town, don't ruin it by introducing these refuse collections.

Frank Peters
Adwick Le Street, Doncaster

SIR, Firstly, with reference to the wheeline bin fiasco, I am going to do an extra bit for the Harlow Council taxpayers – Andrew Johnson, when you order the bins, deduct two from the total; I have nowhere to put them, I do not want them and, if they are delivered, I will return them.

Secondly, what right does Andrew Johnson and the policy and resources committee have to hold a secret meeting to dispose of the town's assets? Because of the incompetence of the administration (all parties) the town is in debt. Tell us what you want to sell off, then stand back for a double broadside.

All those people who voted for Andrew Johnson must be cringing with embarrassment.

Mr D. Grainger
Fennells, Harlow

Hint is no use

SIR, Are we to take a hint about funding by a junior transport minister in a Government with severe budget deficit that a bypass for Harlow is any closer (*Star*, July 24)? I think not!

The bypass does not feature in the Government's East of England Plan, published this May, which is meant to guide development until 2021. It is not even identified as a scheme in the Regional Funding Allocation for later years.

In addition, the Harlow and Stansted Gateway Transport Board noted that any scheme could not happen before 2017, even if £300m could be found.

The Regional Plan is clear that in the short to medium term the Government expects Harlow to achieve reduced congestion through a major increase in the use of public transport, walking and cycling and states: "This will require a strong focus on management of Harlow's existing transport infrastructure." No new bypass.

The Plan demands massive housebuilding now and I recall Mr Rammell stating clearly on many occasions that infrastructure should be provided before or at the same time as the houses; such an assurance was missing from this article.

Perhaps Mr Rammell now realises that through his lobbying for growth he has landed the town and the surrounding countryside with thousands of houses but has failed to get any guarantees of infrastructure. We need more than a hint about infrastructure funding!

Nigel Clark
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Leader to meet OAPs over bins campaign

SENIOR councillors have offered to hold talks with two pensioners' groups campaigning against controversial changes to waste collection in Harlow.

Council leader Andrew Johnson plans to meet Harlow Pensioners' Action Association

and Age Concern Harlow in August to listen to concerns and answer questions.

Last week, the two groups announced they were uniting to petition against the introduction of wheeled bins and fortnightly collections of certain waste.

Mr Johnson (Conservative) said he wanted to meet face-to-face with them to hear their specific fears, but also clear up confusion about the council's proposals which – contrary to what some people believe – include retaining weekly collections of

food waste and exempting many unsuitable properties, including sheltered accommodation complexes, from having wheeled bins.

The council also plans to hold public meetings for all residents about the issue in September.

Fire spurs safety fears in complex

By **BEN WILKINSON**

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RESIDENTS are calling for urgent fire and security improvements or to be re-homed after a suspected arson attack at a temporary housing complex in Harlow.

Police are investigating the incident, which happened shortly after 8.15pm on Sunday, in which a fire was started through the letterbox of the main building of Sherards House, in Cock Green.

The blaze was quickly put out by residents, and the resulting damage was minor. However, with 14 people, including eight children, living in the block, plus a further 35 in mobile home-style accommodation nearby, the incident has raised fears about safety amid claims that fire alarms failed to go off.



Now Harlow Council, which owns Sherards House, has promised to work with the fire service to improve fire safety and address security concerns.

Frank Armstrong (46), who lives there with 13-year-old son Luke, claims earlier concerns about safety were ignored: "We have been asking for the council to improve security for the past 18 months. Now we also know the fire alarms don't work properly, because this fire didn't set them off. The firemen who

turned up were quite obviously appalled. They told me they would be getting straight on to the council with their concerns."

Mr Armstrong added: "There's obviously some dispute going on involving a person who lives here and that's probably what this attack was about – but it puts everyone's lives in danger. My son and I are petrified and just want to move out."

A council spokesman confirmed it had spoken with the fire service but said many concerns raised related to the actions of tenants, such as leaving the front door on the latch and blocking an access with furniture.

"The safety of our tenants is paramount," he said. "(Council contractor) Kier Harlow is carrying out a safety inspection of the building. We are investigating the incident ourselves and will be talking to tenants about security issues. We will also assist with any police investigation."

An Essex Police spokesman said the incident was a serious matter and urged anyone with information to call 0300 3334444.

Knife thug jailed

A LONDON thug who staged a knife-point robbery in Harlow was jailed for 15 months by Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday.

Tyrone Wildman (18), from Edmonton, was among a trio who mugged two 18-year-olds for their mobile phones in the Town Park last November. His two 17-year-old accomplices, who cannot be named, were both given 12-month rehabilitation orders.

All three pleaded guilty and one of the youths, a Broxbourne youth, admitted a further robbery in the Town Park in October.

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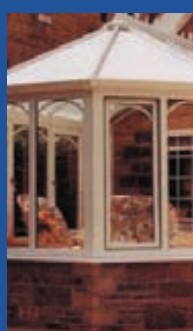
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Recalling the flavours of the past



READER Jessie Scott adds to recent recollections of Rhoda's Snack Bar, at Old Harlow's Gables Restaurant, and the fish and chip shop which Rhoda Neill went on to run.

The Mark Hall Moors resident was a member of east London's Rosslyn Ladies' Cycling Club back in the late 1940s and they would often stop by at the café

on rides.

Mrs Scott said Sid Vanner, the man in our original picture and father of earlier correspondent Andy Vanner, was also in a different, all-male cycling club, along with her husband Sid Scott.

"As far as I remember, Andy Vanner's mother was the sister of the lady who used to have the

Cosy Café in Sawbridgeworth and later had a restaurant in Bishop's Stortford," said Mrs Scott.

"We moved to Harlow in 1951 and used to go to Churchgate Street for our fish and chips," she added. "It's a small world and lovely to read about Rhoda, remembering the lovely tea and food. Pleasant memories!"

Contest prize was such joy

SIGNING off our piece earlier this month about 1957's televised Win A Harlow House competition, I wondered aloud whether the Boynton family's prize home turned out to be a happy one.

And on what better authority could I have hoped for the answer to come than from Leonard Boynton himself, the "35-year-old trades unionist, allotment-holder, member of a judo club and Welsh choir" whose family was the lucky winner of the contest?



By
BEN WILKINSON

"How could it not be?" responded Mr Boynton, now of Great Baddow. "After all, something dropped into my lap that most people spend many years paying for. My wife and I were extremely happy in Herons Wood for 35 years, only leaving Harlow in 1992."

Mr Boynton told *Nostalgia* that, aside from the financial benefits, living in the prize house had been a great experience.

"We enjoyed some really wonderful neighbours; indeed, they became

great friends," he said.

"My greatest pleasure was being able to create a wonderful garden where I was able to grow fruit and vegetables, as well as many varieties of flowers, mainly roses."

The couple, who have four children and eight grand-children, retain their links with Harlow, as daughters Marilyn and Sharon – the latter born three years after their win – still live in the town.

But what about the Welsh choir? "I still maintain my associations with all the social activities mentioned," said Mr Boynton. "I haven't forgotten that it was those which earned us the good fortune that befell us that fateful day."

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ISABEL SCOOPS WORLD RECORD

SPORTSWOMAN Isabel Barr, partly paralysed since she suffered a neck injury nine years ago, scooped gold, silver and bronze medals and broke records in the Stoke Mandeville Paraplegic Games last week. Now the 28-year-old's sights are set on the Olympic Games for the disabled in the USA next year.

HEWLETT TO RUN TOWN THEATRE

A NEW general manager has

been appointed to run The Playhouse. Gordon Hewlett (54) is currently chairman of the theatre management committee, a position he has held since the theatre opened in 1971. He succeeds Douglas Addey, who is retiring.

JOB SHOP FIGHT

IF a cash grant for their popular worker Richard Howitt is not renewed later this year, "customers" of Harlow's Voluntary Job Shop will fight to keep it going. Determined that previous hard work much not be wasted, they have formed a

support group.

CAR IN RIVER

A £550 Austin Allegro was found dumped upside-down in the River Stort near Parndon Mill on Sunday morning. The car, belonging to Anne Rigby, of Taylifers, had been reported stolen the night before.

Do you recall the filming of controversial Stanley Kubrick film A Clockwork Orange at Princess Alexandra Hospital? Write to Nostalgia, Harlow Star, 6-8 West Gate, The High, Harlow, Essex CM20 1JW or email wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

Bill is backing beleaguered Brown for PM

EMBATTLED Prime Minister Gordon Brown is Labour's best chance of winning the next General Election, Harlow MP Bill Rammell has insisted.

Despite reported concern among Labour MPs about Mr Brown's performance and calls

by some backbenchers for him to quit, Mr Rammell said there is no-one better placed for the job. "It's clear people are concerned about the economic situation, about the rising fuel and food prices, and people are protesting," he said. "We need

co-ordinated international action and Gordon Brown is by far the best-placed person to lead that from a UK point of view and bring it about.

"Gordon Brown is the best leader and PM we could have and the best person to give us a

chance of victory at the next election. I think as we get nearer to the next election and people start to consider the alternative to a Labour government, the public will start to see more of the positive aspects of Gordon's leadership."

Homeless man's 'moving' plight

A HOMELESS man claims he has been effectively denied the right to a life in Harlow after his bid for a council house was refused.

Hugh Hoad (59) has been sleeping on the streets since December and says he is at his wit's end with Harlow Council's unwillingness to put him on the housing waiting list.

A former homeowner from Waltham Abbey, Mr Hoad was temporarily accommodated at the Oasis Hotel, in London Road, last June but was evicted after complaining about alleged breaches of health and safety regulations on the premises.

Left with no choice but to sleep rough, he nevertheless managed to find a job with an accountancy firm and moved into a privately rented flat – only for the property to be repossessed within a month when his landlord fell into arrears with the mortgage.

By **CHRIS MOSS**
moss@hertsexnews.co.uk

Forced to seek refuge from local homeless charity Streets2Homes, which provided him with a tent and food, Mr Hoad was dealt a further blow last week when he was barred from camping on council land.

"I've tried time and time again to get help from the council but they're not interested" he told the **Star**.

"They tell me I'm not a priority case and that they have no duty to house me, but I'm sure if I was a drug addict, alcoholic or illegal immigrant they'd find somewhere for me."

"I've lived in Harlow for over a year now and I feel I'm being denied the right to a life here – but all the council wants to do is put me in the hands of another fly-by-night landlord."

Streets2Homes manager Patsy Dye asked: "Where is he supposed to go? Hughie's been through so much already and you can only push some-



HOUSING HEADACHE: Streets2Homes manager Patsy Dye with Hugh Hoad (photo: FRG2YJFY/01)

one so much before they lose it."

A council spokeswoman said homelessness officers had met with Mr Hoad to try to resolve his situation but said it appears that it is not the authority's legal duty to house him.

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Bus encounter pair's diamond day



LOVE blossomed on a bus shortly after the war for a Harlow couple celebrating their diamond anniversary today (Thursday).

Thomas (83) and Joyce (80) Coney, of Sadlers Mead, were married in 1948 after meeting on a bus in East Acton in 1946.

The couple have four children, 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild and have lived in Harlow for 53 years.

They both worked at Wonder Signs, in Waltham Abbey, Mr Coney as sign-maker and Mrs Coney in the collations department, before retiring.

"We have a strong marriage but, of course, we have our ups and downs like everyone else," said Mrs Coney.

Son Roy, of Little Pynchons, said: "It is a milestone and they are the first we know of in the family's history to reach 60 years of marriage."

(photo: T7HWJNSD/06)

Award at last for Land Girls

By BEN WILKINSON
Chief Reporter
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MORE than six decades after the defeat of Hitler, two former Land Girls from Harlow have been formally recognised for their contribution to Britain's Second World War effort.

Beryl Fordham (83) and Jemima Pinder (85) were this week presented with special badges by Harlow MP Bill Rammell to commemorate the crucial role they played as members of the Women's Land Army.

As male farm workers were called up to fight, the WLA stepped in to keep the nation fed, working dawn until dusk milking cows, digging ditches, sowing seeds and harvesting crops. At its peak in 1943, the organisation comprised 80,000 women.

It was 1943 when Mrs Fordham, of Fesants Croft, volunteered to join up. Originally from Cornwall, she worked as a tractor driver in Buckinghamshire for nearly three years, swapping her previous job in the office of an aircraft manufacturer.

"Because the company where I was employed did important work I had to get permission from my boss to be released and to sign up for the Land Army, but I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Mrs Fordham, a widowed mother-of-three and grandmother-of-five.



HONOURED: Left, Mrs Fordham with Mr Rammell (photo: YMFBDVJ/02); right, Mrs Pinder with her badge and certificate (photo: LR4M4S9D 04)

"It was hard work and sometimes, if it was a bad day, we would talk about what it would be like to do something glamorous like join the RAF. But I loved it really. I always have loved the open air."

Speaking about the Government's belated decision to award the badges, Mrs Fordham added: "It was Churchill who vetoed us being properly recognised and I've never forgiven him for that!"

"I remember at the time we were



all disappointed not to receive any formal recognition because we knew how important our work was. That's what kept us going and made us work so hard. It's better late than never though and, of course, I am proud of my new badge."

Mr Rammell said he was delighted to be able to hand over the awards, describing them as "long overdue".

"It's unquestionably right that we recognise the contribution of women during that conflict. The work they did was just as important for the war effort as the contribution and sacrifice of the men," he said.

Academics' M11 death 'accidental'

TWO leading academics killed when their car careered off the M11 near Harlow died accidentally, an inquest has ruled.

Leading geneticist Dame Anne McLaren (80) and artificial intelligence expert Professor Donald Michie (83) were travelling from Cambridge to London on July 7 last year when their Fiat Punto drifted across the southbound

carriageway and plunged down an embankment.

Both died at the scene after sustaining multiple injuries when the car hit a tree at about 60mph.

Eyewitness Craig Rolph, from Romford, was a passenger in a Range Rover travelling behind the couple's car and told Tuesday's inquest in Chelmsford: "There was no erratic movement; it just slowly

drifted across lanes until I saw the wheels touching the grass verge.

"No brake lights came on at all – it was almost as if the driver had taken their hands off the wheel and the car was taking its own path."

PC Charles Harris, of Essex Police, attended the scene and told the inquest he believed Ms McLaren, who had been driving, had

suddenly been taken ill at the wheel.

"We see a lot of incidents where drivers are fatigued and fall asleep at the wheel, but there was nothing to suggest this was the case," he said. "We will never know for sure what happened, but I think it may have been a sudden illness that precluded Dame Anne from preventing the accident."



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New inquest is ruled out in Lubbock death

MICHAEL Barrymore will not face a new court appearance over the death of Harlow butcher Stuart Lubbock after a party at his former Roydon home in 2001. The Attorney General has declined a request for a second inquest, made by the victim's father Terry Lubbock, of Great Brays, despite the latter's insistence that his son was sexually assaulted and murdered. Baroness Scotland and the Crown Prosecution Service have decided the second police investigation – which resulted in the arrests of Mr Barrymore and two others last summer – has not produced sufficient evidence to warrant a second inquest.

"I was very upset to hear that there won't be a second inquest, but on the other hand the Crown Prosecution Service has told me that if new evidence comes to light I can try again," said Mr Lubbock.

"It's disappointing but I'll never give up my fight for justice. It's difficult because you feel as though you're just going round and round in circles."

Father-of-two Stuart (31), of Great Brays, died after being found in the pool of Mr Barrymore's home. He had suffered serious sexual injuries and ecstasy and cocaine were found in his body.

Agent used identity to keep up fake front



Greeks bear a gift of fun

SCORES of people made the short odyssey to The Museum Of Harlow on Saturday to get a taste of life as an ancient Greek soldier.

The Hoplite Association put willing participants through their paces, teaching them how to use shields to repel an attack and how the ancient Greek army trained.

The event was part of the museum's summer holiday programme, which stages children's activities throughout the week and family events on Saturdays.

This Saturday, visitors will be able to meet some Roman gladiators at the Muskhams Road facility.

Pictured, left, getting ready to do battle are Ashley Holt of The Hoplite Association with young visitors Nathan, Lydia and Elle Barral.

(photo: VMSBHPZ/04)

A FOOTBALL agent from Harlow with a bad credit rating used another man's details to buy a luxury car so he could keep up appearances.

Charles Kai Kai (28), of Gladwin Way, bought the £25,000 Audi while posing as a man known by his brother.

But he was found out when the firm became suspicious and checked his details, Chelmsford Crown Court heard.

Jacqueline Carey, prosecuting, told the court that in November 2006, Kai Kai secured a hire purchase agreement for the vehicle using the other man's details. The car was handed over but the company later became suspicious and the man whose identity had been used insisted it was nothing to do with him when he was contacted.

In February 2007, the car was taken back. When interviewed

in April, Kai Kai said he was a self-employed football agent earning £20,000-40,000 a year.

The court was told his brother knew the man whose identity was being used from college and that texts from him were on Kai Kai's phone, including one saying: "You've only given me £150 so far."

Ms Carey added she was told the other man was due to be arrested but she had no further details.

Oliver Dunkin, in mitigation, said: "As an agent for professional footballers, image is important and he couldn't get the car with his own credit history but intended to pay."

Kai Kai admitted making a false instrument, using a false instrument – the hire purchase agreement – and obtaining a money transfer. He was given an 18-month supervision order with 200 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £750 costs.

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the burning property, grabbing Bob's cage on their way out.

The family were treated for smoke inhalation by paramedics at the scene but brave Bob barely ruffled a feather during the ordeal.

A grateful Mr Hall said he is now going to reward his life-saving pet by buying him some new toys and maybe even get him a parrot girlfriend!

His son Sam (18) told a local newspaper: "I used to find Bob very annoying with his growling and squawking but not now. He is a legend."

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African Grey parrots like Bob are thought to be one of the most intelligent birds in the world with many experts thinking they can be as clever as a six-year-old child.

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DATE OF BIRTH: August 5, 2005
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SCHOOL: Church Langley pre-school
HOBBIES: Playing trains and football
DISLIKES: Walking up the stairs
FAVOURITE BOOK: *All Change*

FAVOURITE TV: *Thomas The Tank Engine*
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Dance music
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza
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FRIDAY

ALFIE (member 437), of Savoy Wood, Harlow, is 11; **KIRSTEN** (member 304), of Abbeydale Close, Harlow, is 7

SATURDAY

REECE (member 779), of Centre Drive, Epping, is 4

SUNDAY

JADE (member 337), of The Fortunes, Harlow, is 10

TUESDAY

FAYE (member 419), of Coalport Close, Harlow, is 11; **CHLOE** (member 821), of Carters Mead, Harlow, is 4; **KAI** (member 932), of Quarry Springs, Harlow, is 3

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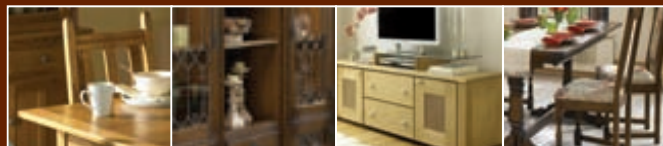
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Family Announcements

Deaths

DORIS HOLE

Peacefully passed away after a short illness at Princess Alexandra Hospital, on 20th July 2008. Doris will be greatly missed by Ron, Carol and Linda.

The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, on Thursday 7th August 2008 at 12:00 noon. All flowers and enquiries to Daniel Robinson and Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex CM20 1QP. Tel : 01279 426990

MICHAEL DAVID LAFFOLEY

Very suddenly on 27th July 2008, aged 46 years, in The Princess Alexandra Hospital. The dear brother of Alan and Peter, brother-in-law to Barbara and Wendy, a wonderful uncle and friend to so many. He will be sadly missed by all his family and those who knew and loved him. Michael's funeral service is to be held on Thursday 7th August 2008, at The Parndon Wood Crematorium at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired to be divided between The British Heart Foundation and The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, (cheques made payable to MFH Charities account). All enquiries, flowers and donations to the funeral directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Telephone 01279 626238

DOUG SAILING

4/11/1923 - 18/7/2008
All people who knew Doug are invited to the funeral at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Thursday 7th August 2008 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please but if you wish to make a donation you can make it payable to "National Autistic Society" and send it c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QP. Tel 01279 426990 for all enquiries.

JOHN HARRINGTON

Peacefully passed away after a long illness. He will be sadly missed by his wife Maureen, his sister Mary, his children Clare, Ann and Sean, their spouses and children as well as friends, neighbours and colleagues. No flowers - please send donations to 'Diabetes UK' c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons to help them support others suffering from the same illness. His funeral will be at 12.30pm on 7th August 2008 at the Church of the Assumption, Mulberry Green, Old Harlow. Enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow Tel: 01279-426990.

DOUG SAILING

A very special Gramps and Great Gramps. You were the best. Gone to be with Nanny. Will love you and miss you forever. Ashleigh, Alex, Grant, Josh and Ethan

SAILING Doug

A much treasured Dad, taken so very suddenly on Friday 18th July. Will be in our hearts forever. Reunited with our precious Mum. God bless always. Lynne, Julie, Gareth and Graham

PETER PAYNE

Passed away on 18th July 2008 aged 75 years. A much loved husband and father who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 31st July at 2.30pm. Any donations to St Clare Hospice, may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel 01279 426990.

PETER PAYNE

A much loved dad, grandad, and great grandad. We know how much you loved us all, we will look after mum for you. Will miss you very much and will always be in our thoughts. All our love, Richard, Shirley and Grant, Greg and Kate, Laura, Steve, Olivia, Holly and Lottie. XXXX

RIGGANS George

Passed away peacefully on 18th July 2008 aged 84 years. A loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service to be held at Enfield Crematorium, 11:00 am Friday 1st August. Flowers if desired to: Powells Funeral Service, 79 Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8HX. Afterwards the Wake will be held at The Boars Head Public House, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.

MARK WHITE

Taken from us on Friday 21st March 2008, aged 34 years. Deeply loved fiancé of Tanya and a much loved father, son, brother, uncle and friend. He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Old Harlow Baptist Church on Friday 8th August 2008 at 1.00pm followed by burial at Parndon Wood Cemetery at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to "Rae Menasa White Trust Fund" and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QP. Tel 01279 426990.

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In Memoriam

SUSAN SPOONER

Nine years have passed, but you are in our thoughts every day. Love Dad and Rosemarie.

ADA EGERTON

Remembering our July birthday darling Mum. Treasured memories shared by all the family. God Bless. Iris xxx

GARY FOX

Always in our thoughts, greatly missed. Love Mum, Dad, Tracey, Julie, Karen and families. xx

GREGORI Nico. 30-11-84 to 31-7-07 A year ago today, God must have needed a special angel to take you away. A true friend who I love and miss. You will always be in my heart. R.I.P. My gentle giant. Love Sammy. x

FAYE KERRIGAN

31st July 1989 - 18th March 1997
Your birthday will always stay special to us. Thinking of you princess and missing you still. Our memories are so precious. All our love always, Mum, Dad, Adele, Lauren and Paige xxxxx

KERRIGAN Faye. Birthday wishes for July 31st. We have memories of birthdays that are a gift to treasure. Love always, Nan and Grandad. xxxxx

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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ANTONY RUST

3rd August 2007
You are missed so much and are constantly in our thoughts. Lots of love, Lorna and all the family.

MANN Arthur. Thinking of you my darling husband on our 62nd Wedding Anniversary on August 3rd. Missing you, loving you always. Yours Hilda. xxx

DOREEN LOWLES

In loving memory
We will never forget you, we will always speak your name. One thing is for certain, life has never been the same. God Bless. Love, Karen, Jay, Jessica, Rebecca and George xxxx

Thanks

CARTER To all family etc. Many thanks for cards, gifts and being there Tuesday 22nd.

Thank you

FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP
Lynne would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to parents and children for their lovely cards and gifts and sentiments on her last day.

Acknowledgements

GORDON RICHARD LUNNON

Maria and family would like to say a big thank you to our family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and support following our sad loss. Also many thanks for the kind donations to our chosen charities.

Birthdays



STEPHEN BROWN
Happy 21st Birthday. With love, Mum, Dad and Helen



LUKE BUNCHER
HAPPY 18TH
Lots of love always, Mum, Dad, Indya and Alfie xxxxx

FAITH CHIPCHASE



Happy 2nd Birthday, 6th August.
Enjoy your party. Love you lots, all our love from MUMMY, DADDY, GRANDAD (Michael) xxx Best Wishes from GAVIN, KEL, LOUISE, STEVE, PAUL, JO, GARY, Great Grandad and CALUM xxxxx



AMY DUNCAN
Happy 13th Birthday Amy. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Nan and Grandad xxxxx



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To our Special Boy
Happy 1st Birthday.
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Mummy, Daddy
and Ellie.



NIKKI HARBINSON
Happy 18th
Birthday, 2nd
August 2008. Have
a great day, Love
Mum and Joe.

LUCY MAE EELS 1st August 2008



Wishing
you a very
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Lucy
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Daddy and
Charlotte

KURT

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Dean, Nan,
Grandad, Deb,
Alex, Josh, Steve
and Ash



DANNY LOCKETT
Happy 13th Birthday.
Lots of love always,
Mum, Nan, Grandad,
Julie, Scott, Dee, Tina,
Yaz, Josh, Jordan and
Trey xxx



EMILY MITCHELL
Happy 1st Birthday to
our very special little
girl.
Lots of love, Mummy,
Daddy, Nanny, Grandad
and Philip
xxxxxx



LUCY HARRIS
Happy 18th
Birthday on 1st
August 2008. Love,
Mum, Dad, Jodie,
Connie. xxxxx



GAVIN PLUMB
Happy 18th August
6th. Have a great day.
Lots of love, Mum,
Dad, Michelle,
Stephen, Hayden and
Skye. xxxxxxx



SARAH JANE MILNER
Happy 18th Birthday
for 2nd August.
Enjoy your party.
With all our love, Mum,
Dad, Sophie, Nan Mary
and Grandad Alan.



TOMMY TAYLOR
Happy 18th
Birthday.
Love Mum, Dad,
Jack, Lisa, Frankie.

SONTAG Ellis. Happy
16th Birthday darling.
Have a great day. Love
ya lots, Nan and
Grandad. xxxxx

SONTAG Ellis. Have a
lovely 16th Birthday!
Lots of love, Sam,
Steve, Nathan, Carrie
and Leah. xx

SONTAG Ellis. Have a
Fab 16th Birthday.
Enjoy your day! Lots of
love, Justine, Billy,
Paige. xxx



ELLIS SONTAG
"Princess" Ellis Happy
16th Birthday.
Have a great day.
Lots of love, Mum,
Russ, Abbie, Chris,
Callum, Evan xxx



MARK WOOD
Hope you
enjoyed Ibiza.
Congratulations on
your 21st Birthday
30th July 2008.
Love from Mum,
Dad and Garry.

Congratulations

WILLIAM KENT

Congratulations
on getting your
Jack Petchey
Award for Sea
Cadets.
All our love
Mum, Dad
and Lucy.
xxx

Exam Congratulations

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KURT BATE

CONGRATULATIONS for your
achievement Bachelor of Science,
how about that son.
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Grandad, Phil, Carol, Steve, Elisa,
Charlotte, Alfie, Halle, Sophie and
Matthew. We are all so proud, contact
you soon son, you must have inherited
my brain! Top Lad.

Engagements

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AND
DAVID WHITSON
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and Victoria

Marriages

DEAR : HEWITT
Julie and Rob
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and best wishes
on your Wedding
Day, Saturday
2nd August
2008. Love
Mum, Dad,
Kerry,
Paul and
Keira
xxx

DYE : FORTUNE
Paul and Clare
Congratulations on
your Wedding Day,
Friday 1st August
2008. Wishing you
both every
happiness for the
future. Love Mum,
Peter, Emma, Glen
and Tiddly Push.

HAMMETT : MAHON
Congratulations
and best wishes
Julie and Ben on
your Wedding
day 1st August
2008.
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Mum, Dad, Deb,
Russ, Archie,
Claire and Jim.
xx

HAMMETT : MAHON
Congratulations
mummy and daddy
on your Wedding day
1st August 2008.
Lots of love, kisses
and cuddles, Jack
xx

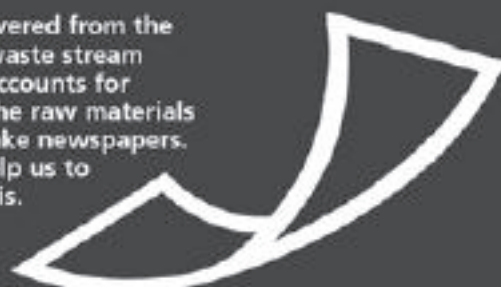
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Christopher and Lucy
Congratulations
on your Wedding
Day 2nd August.
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wishes, Mum,
Dad,
Mum and
both
families.

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WILLIAM MARTIN JUNIOR: The school was rocking with excitement when it staged the most ambitious concert in its 50-year history.

As part of the ongoing celebrations for the Tawneys Road school's golden anniversary a pop concert celebrating half-a-century of music was held over three evenings.

Each decade was commemorated with major

news events presented by a team of newscasters, who then handed over to a *Top of the Pops* style studio where classes performed two songs from each decade.

A spokesman for the school said: "Even our own Pan's People danced to each of the songs which included hits from The Beatles, The Supremes, Elvis, Take That, Madonna, The Spice Girls and so on."

JEROUNDS PRIMARY AND JUNIOR: The Pyenest Road schools gave a special thanks to their 'girl lollipop' who help pupils get to school safely every day.

The Great Parndon Residents' Association organised the presentation as a mark of the local community's gratitude for crossing wardens Rita Cole and Karen Webster.

The pair were presented with Royal Doulton crystal vases and bouquets.

Rita, who has performed this task for 40 years, has received an invite attend the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace. Karen has four-and-a-half-years of service.

A school spokeswoman said: "They have both done us proud and we really value the brilliant work they do to make sure the children get to school, and get back home, as safely as possible."

Pictured with Rita and Karen are GFA secretary Pamela Weavers, treasurer Brian Weavers and chairman Harry Harrison.



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Summer fete is a real crowd pleaser



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SPINNEY INFANTS: A police riot van and a fire engine were called to the Cook's Spinney school during the summer fete . . . but fortunately there was no emergency.

Both Essex Police and Essex Fire and Rescue Service were invited to entertain the children during the annual fundraiser.

Cake stalls, raffles and face-painting were among the attractions enjoyed by the hundreds of visitors who helped raise just over £1,000 for the school's coffers.

PTA member Tanya Wells said: "Luckily the weather was great and we had a brilliant turnout. The face painting was really popular and carried on going for three hours!"

"Some of the money will go towards the next fundraising event, some to the pre-school and the rest we are looking at providing something for the children's safety on school trips."

Pictured with firefighter Mick Jakes is Charlie McConnachie.

Soccer boys are town's triple champs



CHURCH LANGLEY PRIMARY: Budding Beckhams and wannabe Wayne Rooneys from Years 5 and 6 booted the opposition into touch by winning all three of the town's soccer trophies.

The seven-a-side team beat 28 other sides playing in the league, cup and tournament competitions for the year.

Year 6 teacher and coach David Stacey said: "It's an incredible achievement and they have been fantastic role

models. They play really good football which is really enjoyable to watch and great pleasure to be involved in. They are a very sporting side as well."

Pictured are, back row left to right, Kieran Bailey, Joseph Rust, Joshua Emmanuel, Greg Kirk, Josh Manley, front row, Harry Green, Harry Barker, Conor Dowton, Ben Clark and Callum Richardson.

(photo: SQX97YTV/05)

the guide



A LONG WAY OUT THERE

Mulder and Scully are back on the trail of the truth

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Parading the talents for a rock-solid future

arts diary

DRAMA The youth summer drama project It's A Blast 2008 takes to the stage at 8pm on Saturday at The Playhouse with its self-devised performance *Armageddon Outta Here!* Using all 48 participants in this year's theatre process and performance workshop, the play deals with a town facing obliteration by its disingenuous leaders. Tickets are £8 (£6 concs) from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC The soothing sounds of Harlow Brass Band can be heard at Old Harlow's Victoria Hall Theatre, in Bury Road on Saturday at 7.30pm. The summer concert relies purely on voluntary donations and more information is available from 07831 849679.

WORKSHOP Victoria Hall hosts a *Magic Of The Musicals* workshop for children aged 8-16 from Monday, with daily rehearsals climaxing in a performance tomorrow (Friday). Call 07956 211909 for tickets.

WORKSHOP Fans of circle dance have just one day left to book their place for a workshop at St John's ARC on Saturday week from 11am-5pm. Reservations can be made with a £5 cheque deposit made payable to Pat Woods and sent to the ARC, St John's Walk, Market Street, Old Harlow, CM17 0AJ.

AND so The Square rises from the pointless and no doubt expensive ashes of County Hall's nanny state idiocy.

But a raspberry in their general direction, as many things tend to flourish after being threatened with destruction; think, perhaps, of Heinz Salad Cream, blue Smarties and now this band – formed from the DNA of the once up-and-coming Anotherstory.

While the excellent support Jocasta Sleeps played, crazy Glaswegian chatterboxes that they are, it seemed an appropriate time to slip off to try the newly cleaned conveniences and spend a penny – only I never got there!

REVIEW

THE MORNING PARADE

The Square, Harlow

The relative comfort of a handrail was too good a seat to just give away to a big hair/skinny jeans dandy and while the throng began pouring in, in anticipation of the headline act, I allowed the feeling to intensify.

My old buddy Ben Giddings on keyboards was first on stage, matching the audience's buzz with a synth intro of otherworldliness.

And while the nuclear acorn inside grew, so did the sound, heralding an awesome set of gilt-edged, dizzying and sublime trance rock.

There were flashes of Placebo,

Steve Sparrow's vocals not a million miles from the steady alto of Brian Molko, and undoubtedly strong hints of Muse with some pretty inventive and at times startling guitar work going on.

There are not many times you can be sure of a band's future, when you can honestly say there is enough talent, if they are brave enough, to grasp the rock 'n' roll chalice with both hands and drink deep of its rich and heady blend.

The Morning Parade sound new but, as with all great bands, something primal and familiar is a constant in the background.

And bearing testament to that is my lift home, who had to stop in a wholly inappropriate place as I had clean forgot and refused to care anymore about anything as mundane as a toilet visit.

Jim Tanfield

Claim to North Korean rock fame

WHILE Eric Clapton may believe he'll be the first Western rock musician to perform in North Korea during next year's tour, someone a little closer to home is sure he beat Slowhand to it.

As Steve Drewett, frontman for Harlow's very own punk outfit the Newtown Neurotics, prepares to take to the stage with his band tomorrow (Friday) at The Square, he has laid claim to be the first to take his music to the world's most secretive country.

Drewett has said he'll be telling his audience that if Eric Clapton should take up the recent offer to play in the capital Pyongyang he won't be, as the media is suggesting, the first Western rock musician to play there. Steve went out in 1989, armed only with a single guitar, an amplifier and a fistful of songs to perform in Pyongyang in various venues over a two-week period during the Festival of Youth and Students.



STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND: Steve Drewett in Pyongyang in 1989 (c)

Steve joked: "If Eric should want a support in Pyongyang, I'd be happy to oblige. "I could even headline as there is no rock music sold or played on the radio over there, no-one will know of him;

some, however, would have seen me play before.

"Maybe that idea won't appeal but the least I could do would be to teach him a few Korean phrases and help prepare him for playing

to the strangest and most fantastic audience he will ever experience in his entire career."

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Mulder and Scully out to test their X-appeal



THE JOY OF X:
David Duchovny
and Gillian
Anderson star in
**THE X-FILES: I
WANT TO
BELIEVE** (S)

IT'S been 10 long years but the legions of X-philes will be pleased to hear that Mulder and Scully are back for a second big screen outing.

Expect UFOs, pent-up sexual tension and little green men as always, but it remains to be seen if series supremo and scriptwriter Chris Carter has done enough to persuade wary conspiracy theorists to make a second trip to the box office.

While the last movie was little more than a feature-length episode with snazzier special effects, and was roundly criticised as such, the plot details of the new film have sensibly – if frustratingly – been kept under wraps.

What we do know is that there's something

THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE

certificate 15, running time 1h 44m

sinister out there (as usual), it just might be extra-terrestrial (natch) and – surprise, surprise – shady Government organisations seem hell-bent on covering it up.

If it all sounds a little prosaic, that's because it is, always has been and always will be. What elevated the series above being an affectionately trite homage to a distinctly American cult of paranoia were the show's stars – after all, *The X-Files* wouldn't really be *The X-Files* without Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson).

Thankfully, they've both been persuaded to reprise the roles that made them – and in whose

shadows they've since floundered.

So we join the indomitable duo six years on from the final episode of the series, in which Mulder was framed for the murder of a federal agent.

Now living as a recluse with Scully, he's offered the chance to have his slate wiped clean in exchange for their help on a gruesome case with more than a hint of the paranormal about it.

When a group of young women are abducted in a remote corner of rural Virginia, the only clues to their disappearance are human remains dumped on the highway and the bizarre visions of a disgraced local priest (Billy Connolly, weirdly).

Cue plenty of Mulder's dry wit and Scully's perpetually furrowed brow as our heroes are forced to revisit their own dark pasts to solve their latest – and, probably, final – riddle.



Dismal guru is in dire need of laugh lessons

THE LOVE GURU

certificate 12a, running time 1h 26m

LOVE, hockey and spirituality make unlikely bedfellows in the latest and undoubtedly poorest outing for gross-out comedy king Mike Myers, pictured above.

Heavily reliant on a series of inane fart gags and a stumbling comic turn from none other than a lycra-clad Justin Timberlake, the man behind hopeless buck-toothed spy Austin Powers fires blanks in this desperate attempt to forge another lucrative franchise.

Donning yet another comedy disguise and affecting yet another comedy accent, Hollywood's answer to Russ Abbot this time plays an Indian love guru, Pitka, who desperately wants to hit the big time in the States as a kind of Deirdre Sanders-esque agony uncle.

He gets the chance to do just that when he is hired by Jessica Alba's sizzling hockey club owner Jane Bullard to re-instill some spice in the failing marriage of star player Darren Roanoke (Romany Malco), whose wife (Meagan Good) is having a well-publicised affair with – wait for it – Jacques 'Le Coq' Grande (Timberlake), the prodigiously well-endowed star of a rival team.

What initially seems set to be a so-so satire of Bollywood musicals soon descends into absolute farce, with Myers content to phone-in his performance and bombard audiences with a slew of toilet-humour gags so puerile that a Year 7 pupil would be ashamed to repeat them.

sound check with Chris Moss

A BUNCH of teenagers singing the blues? It's like emo never happened ... As the arty, synth-pop fashionistas scoff into their ironic cravats, AIM have been religiously practising their scales and are now ready to unleash their own brand of southern fried blues rock on an entirely unsuspecting public.

Sticking with a formula that's stood the test of time, AIM aren't trying to do anything new or clever, but don't hold that against them. As myriad fly-by-night bands try misguided reinvention before disappearing into their own pretensions, these four know what they're good at and never stray far.

And with new frontman George Barnett howling like he's carrying a troublesome monkey on his back, AIM may just surprise a few cynics when they rock The Square on October 17.



BAND: Anything In Mind (AIM)

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CD reviews by Ben Wilkinson

DONKEY

CSS (album, Sub Pop)

Eschewing the spandex-clad bubblegum punk of their debut for something a little more sleek and cerebral, Brazil's finest exports mature with a sophomore album of punchy new wave perfection. Gone are the scattergun pop culture references which, although fun for a while, date and grate with time, and in their place comes a newfound coherence and clarity; all tightly structured, guitar-driven songs, precisely layered harmonies and a vastly improved grasp of the English language. But that's not to say the life and soul has been sucked out of Lovefoxx and co's party, with the cheeky flashes of kitsch synth-pop, surreal imagery and feather-bow extravagance on tracks such as *Reggae All Night* and *I Fly* recalling a more playful past.

WASP'S NEST/NIGHT OF THE PENCILS

Tellison/Tubelord (split EP, Banquet)

Jerkier than a Jamaican barbecue but with double the sauce, this split EP from two of the UK's brightest hopes is by turns exhilarating, schamolic and frustrating. Tellison's contribution, the sleepy-headed punk-pop number *Wasp's Nest*, buzzes around

also showing

THE DARK KNIGHT Heath Ledger gives an astonishing performance as The Caped Crusader's psychotic nemesis in this grim, uncompromising sequel to *Batman Begins*. Just as Gotham City appears to be on the mend and Batman considers hanging up his cape, a new criminal presence emerges from the underworld and, despite his name, he's not playing it for laughs.

WALL-E Diminutive robot WALL-E finds himself thrust into a race against time to save humanity from extinction.

MAMMA MIA! The story of a vacuous bride-to-be trying to find her real father in time for her big day, inexplicably told using hit songs by insufferably kitsch '70s group ABBA.

KUNG FU PANDA Animated hi-jinx with Jack Black providing the voice of Po the panda, who must transform himself from an overweight, noodle-chomping cook to a master of martial arts.

WANTED James McAvoy stars as an apathetic nobody whose life is transformed when he is recruited into a secret fraternity of assassins to avenge the death of his estranged father.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN The Pevensie siblings return to the magical land of Narnia, where they are enlisted to help restore the rightful heir to the throne.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES Upon moving into the run-down Spiderwick Estate with their mother, three siblings find an alternate world full of faeries and fearsome creatures on their doorstep.

AZUR & ASMAR: THE PRINCE'S QUEST Two youths raised as brothers by the same nurse come face-to-face in later life as rivals in a quest to find the mythical djinn in this lush children's fantasy.

preview

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR More tomb-raiding fun in the third instalment of the Mummy franchise, in which intrepid father-and-son duo Rick and Alex O'Connell unearth the mummy of the first Emperor of Qin - a dangerous, shape-shifting entity who was cursed by a wizard centuries ago.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Book's a matter of Light and death

DEATH NOTE
(4Digital Media, 12A, retail & rental)

At first glance, this live-action version of the popular manga looks typical of the form's usual teen-oriented supernatural shenanigans but swiftly shifts into a wry and hugely entertaining meditation on the abuse of unchecked power.

Light Yagami (*Battle Royale*'s Tatsuya Fujiwara) is a typical high school student until he stumbles across a notebook accidentally dropped by Ryuuk, the God of Death. Luckily, it contains instructions and he learns that anybody whose name he enters will drop dead of a heart attack - unless he gets creative and details a specific demise.

Working anonymously to kill off any criminals who pop up on his radar, he's soon feted by teens throughout Japan as the mysterious avenger Kira - but when the authorities and the American FBI start hunting him with the help of mysterious detective L (Ken'ichi Matsuyama), he convinces himself that anybody in his way is also fair game.

As Light and his shadowy nemesis set about a daring duel of wits, he explores the power of the Death Note to confound and eliminate his pursuers by meticulously ordaining future events.

Fujiwara gives a great performance as Light, his quietly sunny disposition slipping convincingly into an arrogance given to vulgar displays of his limitless power, and he has a fabulous foil in Ryuuk, a surprisingly effective CG animated creature who looks a bit like the lead singer of a demonic death metal band, has a penchant for apples and a wicked vein of humour. Even he eventually blanches before Light's descent into darkness, admitting: "You are worse than a god of death - you are the true devil".

Extras include a production diary both exhaustive and rather exhausting in its detail, press conference clips, trailers and a gallery.

Star rating: ★★★★★

THE TWILIGHT ZONE: ROD SERLING'S LOST CLASSICS
(Network, 12, retail)

Rod Serling was the quirky, prolific genius behind *The Twilight Zone*, one of TV's most enduring and celebrated monuments to the weird and uncanny, and these two late additions to the 1950s series were discovered by his widow after his death and put before the cameras in 1994.

The Theatre was found in short story form, adapted here by the equally well-regarded writer Richard Matheson, and it's rather typical *Zone* fair, with Amy Irving as a woman with commitment issues who takes herself off to a revival showing of *His Girl Friday* only to find scenes of her recent past up there on the big screen. She imagines it's a prank of her doctor boyfriend, but as the scenes catch up with reality and overtake them, she catches a terrifying glimpse of a fate which seems inescapable.

It's entertaining enough, but doesn't really have much to say or do beyond pitching its heroine (and viewers) into a fairly obvious puzzle box.

Where The Dead Are is, however, an entirely different and far more impressive beast, shot from a Serling script bristling with his pithy, sharp dialogue.

The criminally underused and underrated Patrick Bergin is Dr Ramsey, a surgeon in 19th century America who encounters a patient displaying the



healed wound of an horrific head trauma he could not possibly have survived.

Sharing the medical profession's quiet obsession with trumping death, his inquiries lead him to the remote, decaying and rumour-shrouded island community of Yarmouth, where the magnificent Jack Palance is a hostile amputee doctor who apparently presides over a population which doesn't appear to age or die.

Ramsey is desperate for his knowledge, but all is not as it seems and both the doctor and town harbour a grim secret behind their success.

Beautifully shot and played, with an expected pang of doomed romance at its heart, *Where The Dead Are* is one Serling would have been justly proud of.

Star rating: ★★★★★

BLOODBATH AT THE HOUSE OF DEATH
(Nucleus Films, 15, retail)

Long unseen and sometimes considered lost, this limp 1984 horror spoof starring Kenny Everett misfires so often that it begins to make *Scary Movie* look like *Life Of Brian*.

Opening with a pretty effective sequence of robbed Satanists murdering the many occupants of Headstone Manor, it cuts to the present day with Everett as a doctor leading a team of psychic researchers to the house.

Thereafter, director Ray Cameron and co-writer Barry Cryer seem prepared to try anything to raise a chuckle, short of dancing naked in their socks - there's a parody of the *Alien* chest-burster scene that takes forever to set up only to expire in a pitiful punchline; Pamela Stephenson (who has a very brief, pointless topless scene) does the old sex-with-an-invisible-man shtick; a dreadful surgery flashback has Everett throwing somebody's stunt innards around; Gareth Hunt is flamboyantly gay for no reason at all.

Simply dreadful.

But then there are the (very rare) flashes of brilliance, such as a menacing tracking shot along a corridor to the strains of the *Jaws* theme which ends with the door opening to reveal Everett sat on a toilet and playing the cello, or his later cry of "Look out! Aaagh! A bat!" only to be cracked on the skull by a cricket bat.

But saddest of all is the presence of horror legend Vincent Price as the cult leader, given appalling dialogue and worse jokes to carry off in this ludicrous mess of a film.

Extras include a making-of, the shooting script (this thing was scripted?) on pdf and trailers.

Star rating: ★★

UFO CAFE
(Network, U, retail)

Heavy on schmaltzy whimsy in its portrayal of small town simple folk so simple you wonder that they're allowed cutlery, this tale of a visitor from another world is evidently all about faith and can-do optimism but takes a fair bit of swallowing.

Beau Bridges is Arnold Zimmerman, a human-looking alien who touches down in the dying rural town of Grover's Mill (one for in-joke spotters) for a spare part and meets the eternally neighbourly George (Richard Mulligan), who accepts him without question, introduces him to his buddies and sets about sharing the delights of rural America.

The old boys get all fired up and start building Zimmerman a landing strip, despite the townsfolk thinking them mad.

It often feels like the failed pilot for a series that never was, produced by a religious TV station with a very, very sweet tooth and an irony bypass.

Star rating: ★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★★★ good ★★★★★ fair ★★★★★ don't bother

Jim Tanfield & Chris Moss

pleasantly enough but lacks any real sting in its tail, while Tubelord's effort, although technically superior and blissfully melodic, suffers from an increasingly irritating high-pitched vocal that makes them sound like The Young Knives on helium.

SHUT UP AND LET ME GO
The Ting Tings (single, Columbia)

The title's a sentiment one might well express on hearing this for the first time. However, as with previous releases *Great DJ* and *That's Not My Name*, the staccato beats and chavvy chanting does become strangely catchy after a while.

FIVE YEARS TIME
Noah & The Whale (single, Mercury)

Listen to any radio station from Capital to 6Music and you'll hear DJs fawning over this with a synchopany not seen since the Arctic Monkeys mania of 2006. If that doesn't turn you off, then its contrived Nizlopi-

aping tweeness probably will.

SINK, SINK, SWIM
Brigade (single, Caned and Able)

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LAY YOUR LOVE ON ME
Bodies Without Organs (single, Shell)

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Our stars with Patrick Arundell

...and how they look through the week ahead!

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

Venus has been gladdening your heart, but despite its silky healing touch, the Full Moon can cast a shadow over the need to balance the more sensitive and worldly areas of your world. Tensions are possible. Yet just as you're juggling with this, the Sun powers in and will give you a level of vibrancy that'll enable you to better cope with such demands. Call now for more astral advice.

Taurus Apr 21-May 21

You and someone close may want similar things yet can be at cross-purposes. And however much each of you tries to assert yourself, this situation is only likely to improve when, rather than speaking, you both commit to listening more carefully to one another's view. Variety has seemed attractive of late, but now it's security. Try to count your blessings. Call now for your love scope.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

Mars breaks away from the restrictive clutches of Saturn and home plans can shape up. However, the financial element urges you to carefully think of the implications of any borrowing you consider. Yet if you do need to enthrall people with your ideas, the charm of Venus can be energised by the Sun's sheer drive. Your natural curiosity also comes to life. Call now for more.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

A tender moment is possible and part of this can come from your expectations of how you'd like people to be. Then in a romantic context, if a tie lacks the level of sensual intimacy you so desire, a frank discussion may help or convince you that pastures new are necessary. Yet big decisions should not be overly guided by more material considerations. Call me for your love scope in full.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

How do you save face and yet at the same time reassure people that you're genuine and sincere? A vulnerability can seem more obvious and this could sap your confidence. You may fear that people will feel less well regarded towards you. Frankly, less well-intentioned people, may, however, by the week's end all this will seem much in the past. Call me now Leo for your in-depth forecast.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

If you're focusing on your social circle and friendships to the exclusion of a partner, a love tie may be about to go into freeze mode. Equally, if you feel a beau is spending too much time away, a period of soul-searching about what you really want can kick in. Solo? A friend may be interested but may be fearful of rejection. Look out for subtle signals. Call now for your love scope in full.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

If you're chasing your ambitions to the exclusion of your own personal or emotional needs or those of loved ones, some kind of realignment may be needed. However, there's plenty of scope to change things for the better. This requires you to think beyond the demands of life's daily grind and focus on the long term. One friend can help you enormously. Call for more astral advice.

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Words and ideas have continued to play a starring role, but if you rush your thoughts this week, rather than being seen as erudite and quick-witted, people can see you as being off-hand and glib. In formal situations be measured in what you say. If you're attending an interview, embellishing your qualifications or experience will create a lasting impression. Call for more news and advice.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

You may have to juggle a desire to indulge in classier merchandise or earthier pursuits, just at a time when budgeting is key. But what doesn't necessarily cost money is imagination and whether it's finding novel ways to entertain the kids, to hunting down exciting new nature trails or interests, not everything worthwhile has an admission fee. Call me now for your financial forecast in full.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

Relationship niggles can surface. And however stolid you are about the imperfections of human relating - or those at the heart of your life - you can find yourself tempted by dramatic moves, particularly if you sense that the commitment you're putting in isn't being matched. Don't be too hasty. Seek counsel from those you know are objective. Call me now for more astral advice.

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

Putting a brave face on a health problem may seem noble, but investing in the wisdom of your doctor, dentist or local natural practitioner can provide expert help and quickly resolve concerns. These too may linger about a colleague or whether a role is appropriate. But a more competitive you about to emerge, and one that won't be lacking in winning charm! Call now for more.

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

You can still yearn for a more exciting mode of lifestyle or work, but you can be dreamy and this is a time to be utterly realistic about what's possible. Before you make any major decisions, imagine how these will pan out when things are less than perfect. If you do this, you could avoid going down the wrong track and wasting valuable time. Call me now for your in-depth forecast.

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Fortune favours the Bravo

THERE are cars that achieve repute despite being fairly unexceptional and then there are cars like Fiat's Bravo. Inexplicably overlooked by British buyers, Fiat's middleweight is a class act. Powered by a 1.6-litre Multijet 16v diesel engine, it's one of the greenest cars in its class and one that can face down the established favourites.

It's rare that you'll get into a car these days and be particularly surprised. Buyers these days are a canny bunch, well attuned to the achievements and culture of various car companies. They bring with them a level of expectation which the manufacturers attempt to exceed.

Fiat buyers have come to expect a bit of personality, some occasional build flakiness and a fun drive, but this Bravo doesn't conform. It's not up and in your face and it's built like a rock. With the latest 1.6-litre 16v Multijet diesel engine, it's an eminently sensible purchase.

In making the Bravo more mainstream and a little more buttoned-down, has Fiat rather lost its spark? Anything but. With some of the sharpest styling in its class, this Bravo doesn't make you suffer for choosing a sharp Italian suit.

This 1.6-litre diesel engine is offered in two discreet power outputs of 105 or 120bhp, the difference between the two units being the turbochargers. The lower power unit gets a fixed vane turbo while the 120bhp powerplant gets the benefit of a variable geometry blower.

The difference is 0-60mph in 10.2sec

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compared to 11sec for its 105bhp sibling and top speeds of 121 and 116mph respectively. Those who know the Fiat brand well will recognise that Fiat already has a 120bhp diesel engine, the 1.9-litre Multijet, but this newer 1.6-litre unit is vastly superior.

Both engines are fitted with a six-speed manual gearbox and torque figures are 290Nm at 1500rpm for the 105bhp engine and 300Nm for the 120bhp car, that torque output superior to something like a Subaru Impreza WRX.

Fiat's Dualdrive electrical steering assistance is fitted, which lightens the steering around town and at parking speeds by pressing a button on the dashboard.

A bit more feel at higher driving speeds would be welcome, however, but it's worth noting despite the overtaking punch of the diesel engine, this Bravo is not a particularly sporty drive.

It's easy to forgive the Bravo any minor shortcomings when you walk round the car, taking in its beautifully integrated detailing and elegant proportions. Many five-door hatches are about as beguiling as the prospect of an evening spent creosoting your mother-in-law's fence, but the Bravo is different. Just as the Grande Punto added a touch of the exotic to the supermini class, the Bravo does the same for cars the next size up.

If size is everything to you, the Bravo may well disappoint. Ford spent millions on making the Focus fit virtually anybody but Fiat

FIAT BRAVO 1.6 MULTIJET



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	maximum speed 121mph
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hasn't spent that sort of budget on the Bravo and, as such, it's far tighter than the Ford in the back, although there's a decent amount of luggage space in that curved rump.

The interior feels very well built. Bright finish plastics lift the cabin and the controls are easy to figure out without recourse to the manual. It all looks agreeably Italianate as well, even if this is a clever façade. Fiat has really got the hang of the whole soft-touch dashboard moulding in recent years and the Bravo's supple, textured finish wouldn't look out of place in an Audi.

The big draw for family buyers is undoubtedly the amount of safety gear Fiat has packed into this car. Winner of a coveted five-star Euro NCAP crash safety rating, the Bravo sits squarely at the top of its category with a total of 33 points on the NCAP scorecard.

It's the product of more than 60 crash tests, 15,000 hours of computer simulations, 150 simulations with a crash sled and more than 100 crash tests on components and subsystems. The Bravo features two front airbags,

two front side bags, two window bags and a knee airbag for the driver.

ABS anti-lock braking with electronic brakeforce distribution (EBD) and the latest generation ESP stability control system should prevent the worst coming to the worst. The ESP system includes functions such as anti-slip regulation (ASR) to limit wheelspin in slippery conditions and engine torque regulation which prevents the driven wheels locking up during rapid downshifts. Hydraulic brake assist boosts pedal pressure in emergency situations and there's even a hill-holder function to take the fuff out of hill starts.

Fuel consumption figures for the Bravo Multijet 1.6 16v are something quite special. The more powerful 120bhp car will still average 57.6mpg, will get 44.8 miles from a gallon of derv around town and will stretch that gallon across 68.8 miles on a motorway journey. The 105bhp model achieves similar figures, but an Eco pack is offered with taller gearing, better aerodynamics and low rolling resistance tyres to stretch that

motorway figure still further to an almost unbelievable 74.8mpg. This Bravo is also the first car in its class to comply with stringent Euro 5 emission regulations, well ahead of the 2009 deadline.

With carbon dioxide emissions of just 119g/km, it's a car that is congestion charge-friendly and will instantly make the shortlists of many company car user choosers as a result.

The Fiat Group has pledged to become the leading manufacturer in terms of weighted average CO₂ levels with a clear target for 2012. The company is currently among the top performers in Europe in this regard with an average across its product range of just 144g/km, but this figure excludes the cars of group member Ferrari.

Drive the Fiat Bravo 1.6 Multijet and you'll doubtless emerge rather puzzled. Why do we not see more of these things on the road?

The attractions would appear to be compelling. It's the best-looking car in its class, it's got possibly the best diesel engine, it's well built, it's inexpensive to run and it's respectably practical.

The downsides? The dealer network still has some work to do and the Bravo's dynamics are safe rather than scintillating.

Perhaps buyers attracted to Fiat dealers in the first instance are looking for something with a bit more Latin brio than the rather stolid Bravo can generate.

That being said, if you're thinking of a Volkswagen Golf, a Honda Civic or a Peugeot 308, you'll probably find a visit to a Fiat showroom rather illuminating.

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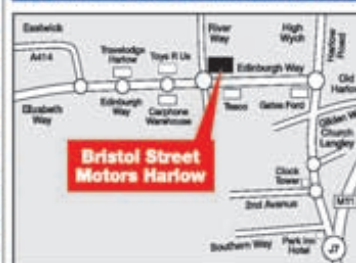
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MOTORSALLES (Harlow) Ltd will be hosting an open day next Friday (August 8) dedicated to the **Motability Car Scheme** so drivers can learn more about the leading car scheme for disabled people.

Available exclusively at the event will be the chance to take advantage of special offers including Free Supagard on all orders placed on the day (on production of this advert). In addition, visitors can enjoy free transfers to the event and unlimited test drives in the vehicles of their choice. Motability specialists will be on hand to offer advice on getting a new car.

Alan Birch, Motability specialist at the new Chevrolet showroom, said: "The Motorsales Motability open day promises to be a great occasion to learn more about the Motability Car Scheme and show off some fantastic deals to make getting on the road

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"We're really looking forward to welcoming people to join in the fun and take advantage of the free information, advice and expertise on offer."

The Motability Car Scheme offers anyone who receives the higher rate mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement the opportunity to exchange this allowance for a reliable, new car.

The test drive open day will offer free information and advice on the Motability Car Scheme to anyone who thinks they might be eligible.

The open day takes place between 10am-4pm at the dealership at Burnt Mill in Elizabeth Way, Harlow. For more information call Katie Luckett on 0845 257 9454 or visit www.motorsalesharlow.co.uk.

TEST DRIVE Chevrolet Aveo

BY most accepted measures the Chevrolet Aveo is not a remarkable car. It is, however, an important one in opening up new markets for the American giant.

Solidly built and attractively styled, it's a decent car albeit one that inherits a good deal of its engineering from its Kalos predecessor.

The 1.2-litre version is the entry-level model and these normally act as a decent barometer of a car's basic worth. If you've ever driven a Chevrolet Kalos, there won't be too many surprises here. The driving position is very similar, the handling and ride feel much the same and the steering is still rather light.

While this means that it's not the most tactile car to bully along a hilly route, it means it's great in the city. The 1.2-litre will get to 60mph in 12.8 seconds and run on to a top speed of 106mph. If this isn't enough, go for the 1.4-litre lump with 100bhp.

Visibility out of the Aveo is very good, although larger drivers may find that the dashboard moulding intrudes on legroom a little. Both engines are decent units but the added motorway refinement of the 1.4-litre powerplant would



swing the balance for us.

As makeovers go, the Aveo is one of the cleverest we've seen. It's got about twice as much attitude as any other small car you could care to mention and the three-door model is even smarter, with the flanks being sculpted to incorporate pronounced flared rear wheel arches. At the back, there's one of the neatest rear lights clusters around.

The interior lacks the self-assurance of the exterior and, rather inevitably in this corner of the market, feels somewhat built down to a price. The same can be said of the Aveo's key rivals though and Chevrolet has

specified and trimmed the interior wisely, giving it a sensible equipment count, fairly decent materials and as much space and versatility as the design constraints allow.

The Aveo campaigns on the basis of solid value for money, so it's no great surprise to hear that prices start from just £7,695 and that running costs are screwed tightly down.

If you're at all style-conscious, there are probably smarter options but not at these prices. As a compromise between budget, ability and badge equity, the Aveo more than makes a case for itself.

MOTABILITY FACT FILE

● Motability is the UK's leading car scheme for disabled people. It provides affordable, convenient, trouble-free motoring to over 470,000 disabled customers and their families.

● The scheme is directed and overseen by Motability, a national charity which also provides financial assistance to customers who would otherwise be unable to afford the mobility solution they need.

● Motability Operations is the private company that operates the Motability car schemes under contract to Motability. Powered wheelchairs and scooters can also be financed using the Motability Scheme.

● Key recent developments to the Motability Scheme include a Recommend a Friend cash incentive, friendly wear and tear guidelines with no formal inspections at the end of a lease, a £200 Good Condition Bonus for cars returned in good working

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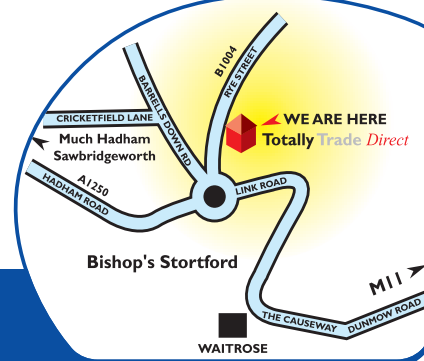
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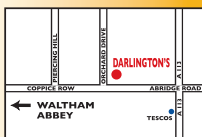
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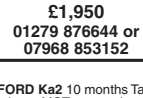
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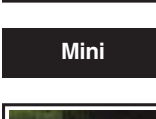
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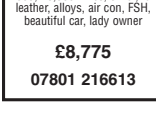
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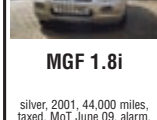
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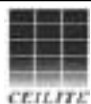
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Davis exit hits Hawks plans

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New signing, striker Chris Groves, was given his first start.

Young defender Harrison Tague continued in defence, while another youngster, left-back Lewis Baker, was also given a start.

Of Hawks' other new signings Jamie Richards joined Groves in attack, while centre-half Paul Kear replaced Harlow player-boss Ryan Kirby in the second half.

The visitors had opened the scoring on 21 minutes when Mark Taylor fizzed in a low 25-yard shot past Cheshunt's debutant keeper Joe Welch, who had been released by Bishop's Stortford only four days earlier.

Groves was denied a penalty soon after when he was felled by Ashley Taylor-Forbes.

The Ryman division one north side, managed by ex-Hawks assistant boss Gordon Boateng, levelled when Lee Roberts slotted the ball inside a post on 24 minutes.

Taylor-Forbes went close before the break when his delicate lob beat Harlow keeper James Hasell but just cleared the bar.

Following the wonder goal from Akers, who was a 40th-minute substitute, Liam Farrell secured a draw for Cheshunt when he equalised on 75 minutes. He headed in after a cross from former Hawks midfielder Tom McGowen.

Taylor flashed a free-kick over that bar near the end as Harlow were forced to settle for a share of the spoils.

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Tague (Akers 40), Baker, Chapman (Hollenbach 57), Kirby (Kear 72), Taylor, Lalite, Fowler (M. Gliddon 63), Richards (Bunn 57), Groves, Green. Subs not used: S. Gliddon, Warren, Dumoulin (GK).

Record-breaker

DANNY Wilson wrote his name into the Herts County Cup record books as he led his side to a 76-run quarter-final victory at Harpenden.

The Sawbridgeworth captain, scored 118 from 139 balls in Sunday's match, to become the first player in the cup's 23-year history to score three successive centuries.

He helped his side to 240 runs to set up a home semi-final with West Herts on Sunday August 17.

Andrew Richardson's 6-29 helped dismiss the hosts for 164.

On Saturday, Sawbo lost by two runs at Hertford in the Home Counties Premier League division two east (full reports at www.harlowstar.co.uk).

Fixtures

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

Football

Friendly: Waltham Abbey v Harlow.

Cricket

Shepherd Neame Essex League, div two: Harlow v Old Southendians.

Div three: Stanford-le-Hope v Epping. 2nd XI, div two: Ardleigh Green v Harlow.

3rd XI, div one: Harlow v West Essex.

4th XI, div west: West Essex v Harlow.

Home Counties Premier League, div two east: Sawbridgeworth v Bishop's Stortford.

Lord's International Herts & Essex League, div three: Potter Street v Dunmow II, South Loughton II v Harlow TN.

Div five: Harlow TN II v Hatfield Heath. Div seven: Albury v Potter Street II, Harlow TN III v High Roding III.

TUESDAY AUGUST 5

Football

Friendly: Hitchin TN v Harlow TN.

Strikeforce to fire up Hawks

Harlow TN 1, Enfield TN 2 (Friendly)

PLAYER-boss Ryan Kirby is hopeful that his new strike partnership can fire his Hawks up the Ryman premier division table.

Veteran Jamie Bunn and new signing Jamie Richards are starting to gel as a pairing.

Bunn tipped off Kirby about signing former Braintree, Hornchurch and East Thurrock United forward Richards.

And Kirby believes the duo's experience can ensure Harlow score more goals than last term.

It's a far cry from last season when the Hawks were forced to rely on three teenage work experience strikers in the second part of the season.

"He [Richards] provides us with something that was missing last year," said Kirby. "I can see them working well together."

"He [Richards] reads them game well and is strong. He likes to get in the box. I feel with these two we are going to be a lot stronger up front."

Richards is one of three new signings.

The others are young right-back Harrison Tague, signed from Tiptree United, and striker Chris Groves, who has moved up from Sunday League football.

Against Enfield, Harlow went close early on when Leon Lalite fizzed a free-kick inches over the bar.

Richards went close near the 20-minute mark after a lovely pass from Tague.

The visitors were unlucky not to go in at the break 1-0 up after Luke Marshall thudded a shot against the bar.

Enfield took the lead on 52 minutes when Ricci Crace fired the ball into the left corner.

Harlow keeper Michael Dumoulin denied Jeff



FOCUS: Hawks new signing striker Jamie Richards, in action in the 2-1 defeat to Southend United at Barrows Farm on Saturday. Photo: Dave Cory (QQKQ7D.03)

Hammond before the home side levelled on 70 minutes.

Substitute Clark Akers' cross found fellow sub Groves. His initial shot was blocked by Enfield Town captain Adam Gant, but only as far as sub Shaun Gliddon who drilled in from close range.

However, Enfield grabbed a deserved winner on 78 minutes. Hammond's shot was parried by Hawks' substitute keeper James Hasell

into the path of Max Mitchell, who slotted the ball into the empty net.

Hasell denied Mitchell another goal close to the end.

Kirby felt his side looked tired after tough games against Barnet and Southend the previous week.

"We looked a bit jaded and that's to be expected. The result and performance was disappointing, but it's another game and another 45

or 90 minutes."

However, the player-boss has been encouraged by the performances of Tague, Michael Gliddon and Lewis Baker and is confident they can challenge for a first team place this season.

HARLOW TN: Dumoulin (Hasell 60), Tague (Taylor 45), Hollenbach, M. Gliddon (Warren 53), Kirby (Chapman 45), Williams (S. Gliddon 64), Lalite (Akers 45), Fowler, Richards (Groves 64), Bunn, Green (Baker 60).

Ton-up Yates keeps Town on top

PAT Yates' magnificent century kept Harlow Town on track for promotion in division three of the Lords International Herts & Essex Cricket League.

Yates posted 106 as Harlow scored a massive 263 on their way to a 100-run victory against Roding Valley.

He combined with Karl Secharan (21) to get the hosts off to a flying start having lost the toss and been inserted.

Secharan went with the score on 46 after being caught on the boundary.

His replacement, Ramaya Uphadyay, put on 149 with Yates for the second wicket.

When Yates, who was dropped on 12,

was finally out he had compiled a superb 106 off 111 balls, including 14 boundaries.

Ashley Alderson then hit a rapid 30 to ensure an imposing total.

Town got off to the perfect start in the field with Alderson bowling Ben Venus with the first ball of the innings and later in the over trapping the dangerous Bradley Knapman leg before with the score on just 4.

Raza Ahmed hit a shot a ball 37 before he was bowled by Town skipper Vic Goddard with his first delivery, a cunning slower ball which clipped the bats.

Town remained in control of the match with slower bowlers Uphadyay (3-18) and Simon Rowell (3-12) doing the main damage.

Roding were eventually dismissed for 163.

In the same division, POTTER STREET (144-1) defeated Elsenham (138) by nine wickets.

They are fifth in the table.

Harlow Town II's beat Little Munden by seven wickets after top displays from two veterans in division five.

Shane Hooper claimed 5 wickets for 23 runs as Munden were dismissed for just 135.

Paul Smith then smashed 54 unbeaten runs as Town cantered to 138-3.

In division seven, Harlow Town IIIs (112) lost to leaders Chadwell Heath IIs (272-9) by 111 runs.

Potter Street II (171) beat Nazeing Common (155) by 16 runs.

It was only their second win this season.

Chairman worms his way to win in Nocturnal Cup

Angling

EIGHT stalwarts from Stort Valley Angling Society travelled to Willows Lake in St Albans to battle it out for the Harlow club's annual night match, known as the Nocturnal Cup.

The weather was favourable, if a bit cool.

This prolific fishery did not disappoint those present and nearly 350lbs of fish were netted by the intrepid few.

Club chairman Mick Westby lifted the trophy by landing 77lbs 11ozs of bream, enticed by the succulent worms that he offered as hook bait.

Danny Cruse was second, netting just over 67lbs.

Third place was taken by Andy Heywood with exactly 49lbs.

This followed a trip to a new venue at Dents Farm in Norfolk.

Twenty Stort Valley members competed in sunny conditions at the picturesque fishery.

A whopping total of 348lbs 11ozs of fish was landed.

Club veteran Bill Beehan took the spoils with exactly 53lbs and would have had more had a large carp not snapped his net.

Second place again went to Cruse with just under 46lbs.

Match secretary Steve Beehan managed to land 30lbs to fill third place.

Fifteen Stort Valley members contested the annual Nettleswell Cup on Harlow's Nettleswell Pond.

Steve Beehan won the cup this year with a mixed bag of 15lbs 15ozs.

Westby netted just under 14lbs, while Danny Cruse was third with 11lbs 3ozs.

A total of 96lbs 8ozs was netted by those present.

Skipper concedes defeat in Harlow promotion bid

Cont'd from back

However, all of Terry Ballard's men played well, with Chris White (3-28), Carlos Remy (2-19), Gordon Whorlow (2-39) and Bilal Ashfaq (2-1) all getting wickets.

Having dismissed their opponents for a meagre 131, Fives' batsmen made quick work of the chase, despite an early wobble which saw two wickets fall in quick succession.

But that glimmer of hope soon evaporated for Harlow, as Whorlow (68 not out) and Dan Stevens (46 not out) guided the team home.

In the 2nd XI championship, Harlow are third from bottom in division one. The side scored 200-8d, but promotion-chasing Upminster reached the target with three wickets to spare (204-7).

Harlow thirds were held to a draw at home to Saffron Walden in division one and remain in mid-table.

Harlow posted 276-9d with McKenzie striking an impressive 146. However, Walden held on at 149-9.

Majestic Majeed a joy for Epping

DEAN Majeed's excellent knock of 139 helped Epping to a seven-wicket victory over Old Parkians in division three of the Shepherd Neame Essex Cricket League.

In a high-scoring match, Old Parks scored 257-9 from their over allocation.

B. Curtis (75) and P. Robins (50) were the highest scorers for the hosts.

In response, Majeed bagged the bulk of the runs for Geoff Maynard's side.

Epping finished on 259-3.

The Lower Bury Lane men are now fifth in the 10-team table.

**READY, STEADY, GO:** Runners at the start of the Harlow 10 race

Photo: Kevin Lines (QZYWH12T-03)

Joy and pain at Harlow 10 race

A MAN had to be taken to hospital with serious heat exhaustion after he fell ill while running the Harlow 10 race.

The 30-year-old was nearing the end of the race when he had to be treated by paramedics after becoming too hot in Sunday's baking weather.

Another two runners competing in the event were also treated for heat exposure. It is thought that one other was taken to hospital.

These runners have not been named.

Some 428 runners completed the annual event.

Harlow Running Club chairman Colin Moody said it had not been able to speak to the injured runners as contact details were not left when they submitted their entry for the race.

He explained: "Several people dropped out because of the heat. It was so muggy."

Toby Lambert (Winchester & District AC) won the race in 52 minutes and 23 seconds.

The quickest Harlow Running Club member was former Paralympian Noel Thatcher (V40), who finished fourth overall in 57 minutes flat.

The fastest woman was Helen Decker (Ipswich Jaffa Running Club) who finished in 1:00.17.

Due to roadworks in First Avenue, the race took a com-

pletely different route.

Starting outside Mark Hall Sportcentre in London Road, runners were taken through New Hall, Harlow Common, Hastingwood and Potter Street before heading through Felmongers and over towards The Stow and First Avenue. The race ended with half a lap of the plush new athletics track at Mark Hall.

This route will be used next year due to more roadworks in First Avenue.

Moody added: "We had positive and negative feedback on the route. We were pleased with the way it went."

Adrian Mussett (Colchester Harriers) finished second in 53:05.

He was followed by Kevin Murphy (Woodford Green) in 55:32.

Jane Preen (Milton Keynes) was second fastest lady in 1:02:00.

Harlow's Alan Broughton (V40) was 29th in 1:03:20.

Former **Star** reporter Ciaran McGrath was 355th in a time of 1:37:03.

Other Harlow runners competing were:- Justin Revell, 48th 1:05.46; Roy Steven 57th 1:07.12; John Evans (V50) 115th, 1:14.15; Sharon Wright 158th, 1:18.43; Vicky Steadman 161st, 1:18.56; Will Shoults (V50) 175th, 1:20.34; Dionne Jones (V35) 188th, 1:22.04; Katie Harrington 287th, 1:30.20; Ann Somerville 336th, 1:35.57; Wendy Spring (V35) 371st, 1:39.31; Paul Rushall 387th, 1:41.07.

**SUPER FAST!**

Harlow's quickest Noel Thatcher and, inset, overall race winner Toby Lambert

Bowen ready to rule over Kings

LUKE Bowen and his Rye House Rockets warmed up Saturday's mouthwatering home match against Premier League high-fliers King's Lynn with a resounding 57-33 home victory against Berwick Bandits.

The Harlow-based speedway star chipped in with six points from four rides against Berwick.

His Hoddesdon-based team have

a doubt over Swedish star Stefan Ekberg for Saturday's meeting. He fell heavily in Heat 10 having just returned from a nasty shoulder injury.

Robert Mear, who brought down Ekberg on the exit of the second bend, could also miss out with the thigh injury he sustained in that incident.

Bowen came within inches of grabbing third spot from Paul Clews on the line but later had the consolation of heading home Clews and Micheal Makovsky in Heat 12. Rye House scorers: S. Ekberg 13+1 (5 rides); R. Mear 6+2 (4); T. Woffinden 9 (4); T. Allen 6+3 (4); C. Neath 12 (5); D. Halsey 5+1 (4); L. Bowen 6 (4).

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Encouraging displays despite poor turn-out

Athletics

A DISAPPOINTING last place finish failed to shadow some excellent performances from Harlow Athletic Club's youth team.

The side travelled to Stevenage for their fourth Eastern Young Athletes League match of the season, involving seven teams.

It was a small Harlow side despite the superb weather.

Harlow's best performance of the day came from Joshua Steel, who took first place in the Under-13 boys shot put with a throw of 8.73m.

This throw improved Joshua's personal best by 27cm and ranks him second in Essex for this age group.

Joshua also competed in the 100m and 200m sprints where he took 2nd place in both A races with times of 14.0s and 29.0s.

In the B races, Jordan Westcott took 3rd and 2nd places in 15.0s and 30.5s.

Jordan also came 3rd in the U-13 long jump with a distance of 4.16m.

His brother Harry Westcott set a personal best in the 800m A race (4th, 2:46.6) and competed in the long jump B event (3.23m, 6th).

Jake Bines competed in his first 800m race and was 3rd in the B race. He also improved his shot put to 6.49m to take 2nd in the B event.

Clare Broadbent (U-17) set new personal bests (PB) in both the 300m A race (4th, 45.2s) and the triple jump with a leap of 8.48m (4th).

Due to a tactical mistake in first half of the U-13 girls 800m race, Marleen Avontuur had to

overtake the field before settling for 2nd place in the A race despite a personal best time of 2:39.0s.

She managed another personal best in the A 200m (31.9s) and came 4th in the A discus with 13.08m, after a potentially winning throw landed just outside the discus sector.

Other results were: Clare Broadbent - U-17 women A 300m 4th, 45.2s (PB); A triple jump 4th, 8.48m (PB). Jay Latchford - U-15 A 100m 14.1s, 5th; A 200m 29.1s, 4th; A long jump 3.83m, 5th.

Annette-Fach - U-13 A 100m 16.6s, 6th; B 200m 35.0s, 6th; A long jump 3.02m, 6th.

Paige Harmsworth - U-13 B 100m 17.5s, 7th; 200m 36.0s, 4th (non-scorer); A discus 4.46m, 6th.

Isobel Moss - U-13 200m 36.0s, 6th (non-scorer); B 800m 3:09.1, 7th; B long jump 2.81, 6th.

Abbi Latchford - U-13 100m 16.6 (non-scorer); long jump 2.95m (non-scorer).

A. Latchford/Moss/Harmsworth/Avontuur - U-13 4x100m 66.6s, 6th.

Liam O'Connor - U-15 A 100m 13.2s, 5th; B 200m 27.8, 5th; A 400m 60.8s, 4th.

Lawrence Fanutza-Davis - U-15 B 100m 14.8s, 6th; 200m 31.0s, 6th (non-scorer); B long jump 4.17m, 3rd.

Ben Thorogood - U-15 A 200m 26.5s, 5th; A long jump 5.12m (PB) 3rd.

Harry Westcott - U-13 100m 16.0s, 3rd (non-scorer).

Charlie McGill - U-13 100m 17.2s, 5th (non-scorer); 200m 39.0s, 6th (non-scorer).

Acer's flush as he heads out to Beijing for Olympic Games

Rowing

ACER Nethercott and his Great Britain rowing team-mates will not be distracted by the hype and glamour of the Beijing Olympics.

The former Mark Hall School student, pictured below, flew out with the Great Britain team yesterday (Wednesday) and is determined to do well.

Neither he nor his colleagues will be attending the opening ceremony.

The 30-year-old, who is the cox for the eights team, said:

"The opening ceremony is the night before the opening heat.

"We will not be going to it and reinforces the fact we are there to compete and do as well as we can."

He added: "We have been building up for this for four years and the natural evolution of the team has taken place since 2005.

"It's just around the corner and the Olympics

only happens every four years. It's really exciting. It is something different from the World Championships."

Nethercott revealed that the rowing team had three weeks' training in the Alps prior to their trip to China.

He said: "We have been training at altitude. There is a reduction in oxygen and training in that makes you work harder. It makes you stronger when you get back to sea level."

And it will be even tougher in Beijing, where Nethercott will also have to contend with smog and humidity.

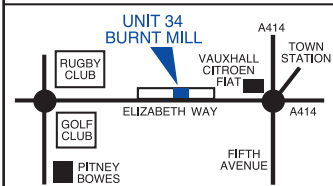
But Acer cannot wait. He added: "The rowing events will be over by the end of the first week which will give us the chance to go to the main stadium to see the athletics and go to parties. We will also go to the closing ceremony."



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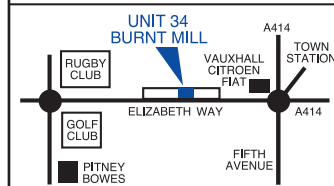
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Skipper concedes defeat in Harlow's promotion bid

Harlow 131, Fives & Heronians 133-2

Fives won by 8 wickets
(Shepherd Neame Essex League, division two)

FIVES & Heronians maintained their three-point lead at the top with a comprehensive victory over Harlow on Saturday.

And after the win Marigolds skipper James Butler conceded defeat in his side's bid to go up. He believes Fives and second-placed Loughton have shown they are the

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1st XI Premier Division	P	W	D	L	Tot
Fives & H.	12	6	2	2	169
Loughton	12	7	4	0	166
Leigh on Sea	12	5	2	3	139
Walthamstow	12	5	2	4	130
Harlow	12	5	1	6	128
Hadleigh & Th.	12	5	2	4	124
Harold Wood	12	2	6	4	123
Sherfield	12	4	2	5	122
Old South's	12	2	2	7	103
Southend	12	1	1	9	75

*Does not include no results

best two teams in the division and Butler expects them to take the two promotion spots. Loughton are now 27 points ahead of third-placed Leigh. Butler said: "They [Fives] are a really

good team. Fives and Loughton are by far and away the best teams in the league and they both deserve to go up."

This defeat pushed Harlow down into fifth in the table.

It was their fifth consecutive defeat, and they now appear out of contention despite spending much of the season in the top two.

Only the Marigolds skipper (28) and Haroon Khan (25) made any inroads into the Fives bowling attack. **Cont'd on page 42**

Peter's going for gold



GOLD FEVER: Judo ace Peter Cousins is hoping to return from Beijing with a gold medal (9)

Judo ace confident ahead of Olympic Games

GREAT Britain judo star Peter Cousins is striving for the Midas touch as he prepares for his first ever Olympic Games.

Harlow's heavyweight star will depart for Beijing next Tuesday and is determined to come back from the Games with a gold medal.

To do that the former Passmores School student will have to conquer Brazilian player Luciano Correa, who defeated Cousins in the final of the World Judo Championships a year ago.

Cousins (27) told **Star Sport**: "I can be world class. It's all about being aggressive at the right time. I need to be relaxed and not tense. I need to produce my best."

Cousins, who fights out of the JSC Club in Camberley, will be accompanied throughout by his training partner and twin brother Tom, as he hopes to become the first ever Great Britain judo player to win a gold medal at the Games.

His nephew Elliot Banks and friend Danny Roberts will also be there, along

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with his parents. This is crucial for Cousins.

"I get really homesick. I am taking Tom and no one is more capable. He is a top inspiration. He is one of the few in the country that can beat me. That's not modesty - he is one of the best in the country."

"Doubt can turn to fear but having my brother there helps keep me calm."

Injuries have prevented both the Cousins twins from competing at the Games. Tom has suffered two years of injury heartbreak.

The pair jet off in five days' time. Peter said: "I'm excited about it - and nervous. I want to come back with the gold. There has never been a gold medal won in the judo [by a Briton]."

"It would be brilliant to be the first. It's everyone's dream."

Dangerous Japanese, Russian and

Romanian fighters stand in Peter's way. "The Japanese are always tough. They are big game fighters."

"It's their national sport. It's their heritage and they feel it's their right to walk away with the medals."

Peter, who took up the sport at the tender age of five, has taken part in conditioning camps in Spain, Germany and Scotland to prepare him for the Games. "They have helped me realise how powerful I can be. I feel stronger in myself. I feel fitter and more capable, physically stronger. I have to find the right balance to bring the best out of myself."

His dad David, who will fly out with Peter's mum for the Olympics to support their son, is keeping his fingers crossed. "He has worked so hard. It depends on the draw and how he is feeling. He needs a little slice of luck and he can get in the medals. He has fought these lads from all over the world - and won."

● Peter's Olympic quest begins on August 14. Follow his exploits at www.harlowstar.co.uk

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Davis departure hits Hawks plans

HAWKS' fans are mourning the departure of crowd favourite Kenny Davis.

Harlow Town, who drew 2-2 in a friendly against Cheshunt on Tuesday, announced this week that the popular player had signed a one-year deal with Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic.

Davis (20), last season's Player of the Year who can play in mid-field or at right-back, impressed the Essex club after a lengthy trial period.

Davis said: "I was told on Friday about the contract. I've been playing right-back in the last few weeks, but I'll hopefully work my

Cheshunt 2, Harlow Tn 2 (Friendly)

way into the starting team like I'd have to at any club."

"Training has been a lot different being at a full-time club. It's been very hard with the gym sessions and swimming."

"I've made an appearance in all of Grays' pre-season games so far, including one where I played for the full 90 minutes."

Davis joined Harlow Town at the start of the 2005-06 season and was a key member of Ryan Kirby's Ryman division one north promotion-winning side in 2006-07.

Davis added: "I'll miss the people from Harlow. I was there for three seasons and got to know a lot of people pretty well."

On the pitch, Clark Akers showed there will be life after Davis as he scored a wonderful individual goal against Cheshunt, his home town club.

Akers ran from the halfway line into the box before slotting the ball into the net on 62 minutes. This put the visitors into the lead for the second time.

Harlow made five changes to the side that lost 2-1 to Enfield Town on Saturday.

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MOVING ON: Kenny Davis

